23rd March 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for your continued support and understanding during these incredibly challenging times. Like you, we have been coming to terms with the significance of the announcement from the government regarding school closures.

As a school, we have created Home Learning Grids which will provide you with some ideas for Maths, English and Wellbeing activities for you and your children to enjoy. These Home Learning Grids are not a prescriptive list of activities that you must complete. Please only use the activities you feel are appropriate for your child. Every child is different and every family will have their own circumstances. Only do what you can do as a family.

We understand that you will all have your own challenges and needs so to offer you a template for routine is meaningless. However, we strongly recommend that each day you plan some small “events”, write them down and stick to the plan as much as possible. Aim for learning little and often and remember that this can take many forms whether that is completing a maths activity or getting outside for a walk and a building a den.

Some of the activities we have suggested will require technology however, it is important to ensure that screen time is limited. You may be interested in some further information about how you can use “guided access” on apple devices: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT202612> or alternatively search for ‘guided access’ advice for other devices to gain information.

Both your own and your children’s wellbeing must take priority at this time. Look after yourselves, take time to relax, get out into the fresh air as much as possible and most importantly, have fun! Being a part of our North Rigton Family is incredibly special to each and every one of us. For us as teachers, it is going to be extremely difficult not seeing your children every day and we will really miss them. However, it is extremely important, that despite the distance, we all work together to create fun and exciting opportunities for the children in these difficult circumstances.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Miss Ellis, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Storey, Mrs Down and Mrs Mitchell